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SUBJECT: 17TH FAO CONFERENCE-POSSIBILITY OF PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL
FROM FAO

1. WIDE EXPECTATION AMONG FAO MEMBERS WAS THAT PORTUGAL MIGHT
WITHDRAW IF AND WHEN ORGANIZATION ADMITTED GUINEA-BISSAU TO
MEMBERSHIP. THIS APPARENTLY WAS CONSIDERED BY PORTUGAL AND
INFERRED TO DG BOERMA. LATEST THINKING, HOWEVER, (ACCORDING
PORTUGUESE DELEGATION) IS TO STUDY OVERALL MATTER MEMBER-
SHIP FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WHICH CONCLUDED YESTERDAY.

2. U.S. DELEGATION VIEW IS THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE
CONSTRUED AS DOUBLE VICTOR BY GUINEA-BISSAU AND ITS
SUPPORTERS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT CONTINUED PARTICIPATION
MEANS ADDITIONAL ABUSE FOR PORTUGAL, AND OTHERS INCLUDING
US, IN FUTURE MEETINGS, BELIEVE NEVERTHELESS U.S. SHOULD
ENCOURAGE PORTUGAL TAKE NO HASTY ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP.
FEEL CERTAIN PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT SILENCE VARIOUS
VOICES BEING RAISED AGAINST IT IN FAO. VOLPE

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